



VE7SAR COMMUNICATOR



MARCH 1992



Surrey Amateur Radio Club, Box 542, Surrey, BC, V3T 5B7



Acting PRESIDENT: VIC MEDWAY VE7CON, 584 0142

CLUB NOTICE BOARD

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

WED. APRIL 1st, 7:30pm
Newton Junior Secondary
School
64th Ave & 132nd St., Surrey
Program: Towers & Guying

NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING

Wed. March 18th, 7:30pm
Topic: "HOME BREW"
Same Location

VE7SAR CLUB NETS

Every Sunday, 28.675Mhz
Every Tuesday, 147.340Mhz
Both nets 8:00pm local time
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Two Meter Net Control:
BOB, VE7FWZ

Listen for CW Practice
before and after the
Tuesday net !!

MINUTES March 4th

Vic VE7CON called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm, welcoming the 27 members, guests & visitors present.

Bob VE7EYF stood in as secretary for Bob VE7FWZ, who was committed to another night school appointment.

Vic remarked on the return of our Treasurer, Roland VE7IDM, after his sojourn to the USA.

A motion to accept the minutes of the Feb. general meeting was made by Kjeld VE7CJR, seconded by Dusty, VE7YB and carried.

FINANCIAL

A complete, itemized report was not, at this time, available, due to holidays and Executive changes. However, the recent expenditures and income were presented by Vic and passed to Roland, who will provide us with an accounting at the April gen.

mtg. A motion to accept was made by Ivor VE7EYU, seconded by George VE7AZK and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

This consisted mostly of circulars from other Amateur organizations and the licences application from DOC.

CANADA POST advises they will adjust some current postal boundaries, V3R, V3S and V4A in Surrey, due to rapid urban development. They will honour old and new postal codes for four months. The Surrey information line is 684-9466.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report on FIELD DAY, SPECIAL EVENTS or SOCIAL EVENTS.

GUIDES-ON-THE-AIR

Club members Vic CON, Ivar VE7EYU, Bob VE7FWZ & Scott VE7KAT entertained various numbers of the young ladies and their Leaders. All members felt it was a success. The meeting recognized the efforts of those participating with a round of applause.

HEALTH & WELFARE

Ivar EYU had nothing new to report, except to say that Cliff VE7FVO would

appreciate visitors during the afternoon, at which time his XYL Marj is at home.

Len VE7SLC is still experiencing difficulties from time to time but remains cheerful. He tries to check into the nets when he can and asks to be remembered to all.

Howie VE7CNW gave encouraging news about former member Colin VE7ABT, he's expecting a full recovery.

Brian VE7BJ reports into the 10M net at times. He says he's holding his own although it's a struggle maintaining his weight, plus he has difficulties with his hearing.

Another former member appreciative of any visitors is Lew VE7LEW.

Vic CON says Bill VE7FVG now has permission, from his MD, to travel. Bill & Marie will take a bus trip to Reno as a welcome change.

Ivar has the info if anyone cares to help in showing concern for fellow Amateurs. 530-1864

PUBLICITY

Vic CON thanked Doris VE7HDE for ensuring the printing of SARC meeting times in the local press.

FLEA MARKET

Firm data will be presented at the April meeting. Meanwhile, the Hjorth Rd. Community Hall is booked for April 26th, tables \$6.00, admission \$2.00. Members are expected to assist.

THEORY & REGS.

There is still some activity in the classroom, Gary VE7FZZ continuing with a couple of trainees.

OLD BUSINESS

Vic CON asked for some help from the younger element in the Club, to help in the removal of the Isopole antenna from the roof of the Municipal Hall. Jaspal VE7IIA and Steve VE7EZX agreed to be available.

RAFFLE

Howie CNW did his thing again, realizing \$24.00 for the Club funds. Vic CON thanked him for his efforts and also those who "took a chance".

There being no further business a motion to close was made by Keith VE7ACR, seconded by George VE7EZX. Carried.

FOR SALE
VIBROFLEX BUG
\$60.00 o.b.o.
HERBERT VE7IEN
5961081

COMING EVENTS

GIANT ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET
CHRISTOPHER CENTRE, 2964 SKAHA LAKE
RD., PENTICTON, BC
MARCH 15th 1992

Amateur Radio, CB, Computers, TV, Video, Cellular
2-way, SW & general electronics.
Doors open 9am, NO early birds!

Call-in freq. 146.920 VE7OKN
Tables(4x8) \$10.00

INLAND EMPIRE HAMFEST

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
Spokane Youth Sports Assoc. Bldg.
East 2230 Sprague Ave.

Sat. & Sun. April 4 (9am-5pm) &
April 5 (9am-1pm)
On-site breakfast 6:30am

Pre-reg. \$6.00 for both days
At door \$7.00 ditto.

Reg. forms and info. available from Bob VE7EYE.
581-2408

SKY HIGH HAMFEST
SILVER STAR MOUNTAIN
VERNON BC

AUG. 28,29,30, 1992

ALL FACILITIES RESERVED FOR HAMFEST.

FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT
VE7GD-KEVIN-545-8340
C/O BOX 1706, VERNON, BC V1T 8C3

OKANAGAN VALLEY HAM FEST
ASSOCIATION

GUEST SPEAKER

A most interesting presentation on the charging of Nicad batteries was provided by Sigi VE7HSG, at the March General meeting.

Sigi demonstrated a novel approach to this controversial subject, by introducing a quite different philosophy to the re-charging methods presently used.

By the use of circuit diagrams and some anecdotes he made the subject very entertaining, while handling questions deftly enough.

Sigi handed out copies of the diagram and, as a bonus, some lucky members were able to pick up some of the necessary devices.

It is hoped that these lucky ones will show us there finished product!

The Club thanks Carl VE7EWF for arranging the visit by Sigi. Carl has promised to provide a working model of this interesting charger for our next Tech. Mtg.

He is very enthusiastic about the results achieved with his unit, apologizing for not having brought it to the presentation.

Vic VE7CON, on behalf of the members, thanked Sigi and expressed the hope that he would return to further expound on his experiences. The members applauded Sigi for his efforts.

*It takes less time to
do a thing right than
it does to explain
why you did it
wrong.*

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

Question: "How come the Repeater quality varies at times, and how's the new repeater installation going?"

The new unit was connected to the original Isopole antenna system and operated well for a period. We began experiencing intrusion by a b'cast stn and our unit dutifully re-broadcast the unwanted signal. Various methods were tried to eliminate the trouble, to no avail. It was decided that the antenna system was at fault, this same trouble existed on the old machine occasionally, and poor weather was not conducive to climbing to the 80' level.

Because we use the property of Kjeld VE7CJR he kindly offered the interim use of his own 2M antenna, to keep our unit going. The offer was gladly accepted.

This is where your variant occurs. Kjelds antenna is a yagi type and is rotated when his HF beam turns. When not in use, he orients it

northward.

There will be a need for some of you 2M "enthusiasts" to help in solving the 80' high Isopole p r o b l e m s eventually,the line forms on the right!!!

The new machine is waiting for it's dedicated room on Municipal property. We are expecting Council approval for the property renovation this month. We have the new antenna ready to install, whenever we get the OK.

The municipal PEP rep. is monitoring the situation for us, and promises to inform us when we may go ahead. This info. is current to this week. He has suggested that the antenna crew could remove the old one from the Hall roof, the same day that the installation takes place in the permanent location. You will be advised when your help is needed.

73 Bob VE7EYF

Roland, VE7IDM
will present the
program at the April
1st General Meeting.
Let's give him our
support !

Dont forget the coming Tech. Mtg, March 18th. it's "Home Brew" night. Bring your pet project, if it failed, maybe we can help....hi! If it was a success, we'd like to copy it! If you're doing something in our hobby that makes it better, tell us about it, please!

Kjeld VE7CJR & his
XYL Inge are heading
South, you might
catch them on the
following
frequencies, from
March 14 to April

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28410+ 0100z

14293+ 0500z,
0600z, 0100z

14160 Snowbird
net, 1900z (1100pst)

7228+ 0530z-0600z

3729+ 0430z-0500z

3750 Pow-Wow net

If you're looking for tubes,
Kjeld CJR says, try
PAUL VE7FJO
277-4489

THE COMMUNICATOR
NEEDS YOUR ARTICLES!

73 DE BOB VE7EYF